Security Architecture Work Group

Tuesday September 25, 2001
1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Lincoln – Executive Building

Minutes

A. Participants

Allan	Albers	HHSS
Jerry	Hielen	IMServices
Sandy	LaLonde	IMServices
Scott	McFall	Nebraska State Patrol
Jon	Ogden	Department of Roads
Steve	Schafer	Nebraska CIO

B. Incident Response and Reporting
There were several suggestions to the draft procedure. These included:
- Expand the explanation to include a better justification that talks about the importance of discerning patterns, identifying areas of vulnerability, allocating resources, and developing statewide solutions to security problems.
- List additional types of security incidents that are of particular interest, such as unauthorized access or repeated attempts at unauthorized access (from either internal or external sources); social engineering incidents and virus attacks affecting servers or multiple workstations.

Steve Schafer will make these changes and develop a draft reporting form. He will distribute the revised procedures to the workgroup for review and comment. After incorporating any further changes, he will present the procedures to the Technical Panel for their review and recommendation to the NITC. That step also entails a 30-day public comment period.

C. Security Procedures Documentation
Jerry Hielen and Sandy LeLonde gave an update. IMServices is conducting a pilot effort, using the templates to prepare handbooks for their division. They have spent time developing a more simple approach to the risk assessment and business impact analysis. They have specified a few major categories for the inventory, and are pursuing a more qualitative approach instead of strict quantitative measurements. The qualitative approach results in a numeric score, but does not attempt to translate the value of assets in dollar terms.

D. Fall Security Forum
Steve Schafer announced that the first security forum is set for Wednesday October 3 starting at 9:00 a.m. An agenda was sent to a list of agency technical contacts. So far, about a dozen people have indicated they plan to attend.

E. Update on Security and Directory Services Evaluation
Jerry Hielen explained that a team from IBM Global Services is preparing an assessment of requirements and options. The first step is a survey of agencies.

F. Next Meeting Date

The meeting adjourned without setting a date. Steve will wait until there is further work to be reviewed before calling another meeting. He thanked participants for their input on the security handbooks, security forum and reporting procedures.